(घ) क्या भविष्य में इस व्यापार में निर्यात में इटली की भागेदारी के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

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Import of Diamond

4512. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and the value of diamonds imported during the current financial year upto the 29th February, 1992 for the purpose of processing; and

(b) what is the value of finished diamond that is expected by way of exports against such imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total quantity and the value of rough diamonds imported for export production during April'91-February'92 are:

Value: Rs. 4296.37 crores
Carats: 626.24 Lkhs
(Source: GJEPC)

(b) Rough diamonds are imported for cutting and polishing with a production cycle of around 4-6 months. The yield of each stone varies depending on its size and quality and the value additon on different roughs is also varying. Consequently, it would not be possible to state the value of finished diamonds that would be realised from the export of the stones imported from April'91—February'92.

Sanction of Export Processing Zones for Falta and Santacruz

4513. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Ministry of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Export Oriented Units Sanctioned to be set up in Falta and Santacruz Export Processing Zones during the past three years;

(b) whether most of the sanctioned units have not yet taken off for production and exports; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Details of the Export Oriented Units approved for setting up in the Falta Export Processing Zone and Santacruz Electronics Export Processing Zone (SEEPZ) during the past three years.

	No. of approvals granted	No. of approvals cancelled.	No. of units commenced production & exports.
1989-90:			
Falta EPZ	4	—	—
SEEPZ	25	4	11
1990-91:			
Falta EPZ	5	—	3
SEEPZ	43	—	7
1991-92:			
Falta EPZ	11	—	—
SEEPZ	16	—	—

Decline in the Export of Indian-made Shoe Components

4514. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for Indian made shoe components in international market has drastically come down in the recent past;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to encourage exports and help footwear industry which is showing signs of sickness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. Exports of Indian Footwear Components (primarily shoe components) have been steadily increasing during the past few years, as indicated below:

Year	Exports (Rs. Crores)
1988-89	425.62
1989-90	518.25
1990-91	609.96
(April-91 to Feb'92)	870.25

(provisional)

(b) Does not arise.

(c) To encourage export of leather footwear and other leather products, Government has taken a number of promotional measures which *inter-alia* include:

(i) duty free import of leather in raw, semifinshed form to supplement domestic availability of leather;

(ii) import of other raw materials, consumables, accessories, chemicals and capital goods with concessional duties;

(iii) Strengthening design and development programmes;

(iv) augmenting man-power training both within the country or outside;

(v) establishing industrial estates and promoting common facility centres; and

(vi) improving quality of Indian footwear and other leather products and making them more competitive in the world market.

भारतीय आभूषण उद्योग की बिगड़ती हुई स्थिति

4515. डा० बापू कालदाते: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय आभूषण उद्योग आज बहुत खराब स्थिति में है और इसकी स्थिति और बदतर होती जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) सरकार इसके कार्य निष्पादन में सुधार करने के लिए और अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय उद्योग की तुलना में इसे प्रतियोगी बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) इस उद्योग के लिए अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) तथा (घ) चालू आयात-निर्यात नीति के अध्याय 21 में दिए गए सोने और चांदी के आभूषण एवं वस्तुओं के निर्यात के लिए विभिन्न योजनाएं चलाई जा रही हैं। निर्यातकों को ऐसी योजनाओं के तहत स्टेट बैंक आफ इंडिया भारतीय हस्तशिल्प एवं हथकरघा निर्यात निगत लिमिटेड (एच०एच०ई०सी०) और खनिज एवं धातु व्यापार निगम लिमिटेड (एम०एम०टी०सी०) के जरिए अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय कीमतों पर सोना सप्लाई किया जा रहा है। इसके अतिरिक्त सरकार ने हाल ही में दिनांक 11 दिसम्बर, 1991 की सार्वजनिक सूचना सं० 257-आई०टी०सी०(पी०एन०)/90—93 के अनुसार निर्यातकों द्वारा सोने का सीधे आयात करने की अनुमति देने के लिए योजना भी अधिसूचित कर दी है।

Details of Telex Exchanges in Assam

4516. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Telex Exchanges in Assam circle with details of strowger type and electronic type as well as their installed, working capacity and actual working connections as on the 15th March, 1992, exchange-wise;

(b) what are the details of waiting list as on the 15th march, 1992 for telex connections in the said exchanges, exchangewise; and

(c) by when the current waiting list will be fully cleared, exchange-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Details of telex exchanges in Assam Circle are given in the Statement, *(See* below);